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ELECTROMAGNETIC ACTUATOR AND
CAMERA BLADE DRIVING DEVICE

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a. a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

- b. a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- c. the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 2,
- d. the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference: JP 5-196993 corresponds to US 5,155,522 & JP 7-56209, JP 7-234434, JP 7-234435 and JP 7-241064 corresponds to US 5,689,746

5. A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
O I P E	AA	5,155,522	10/1992	Castor et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AG	2002-55376	2/2002	JP			abstract
	AH	2002-156684	5/2002	JP			abstract
	AI	2002-277927	9/2002	JP			abstract
	AJ	5-196993	8/1993	JP			
	AK	7-56209	3/1995	JP			
	AL	7-234434	9/1995	JP			
	AM	7-234435	9/1995	JP			
	AN	7-241064	9/1995	JP			

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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